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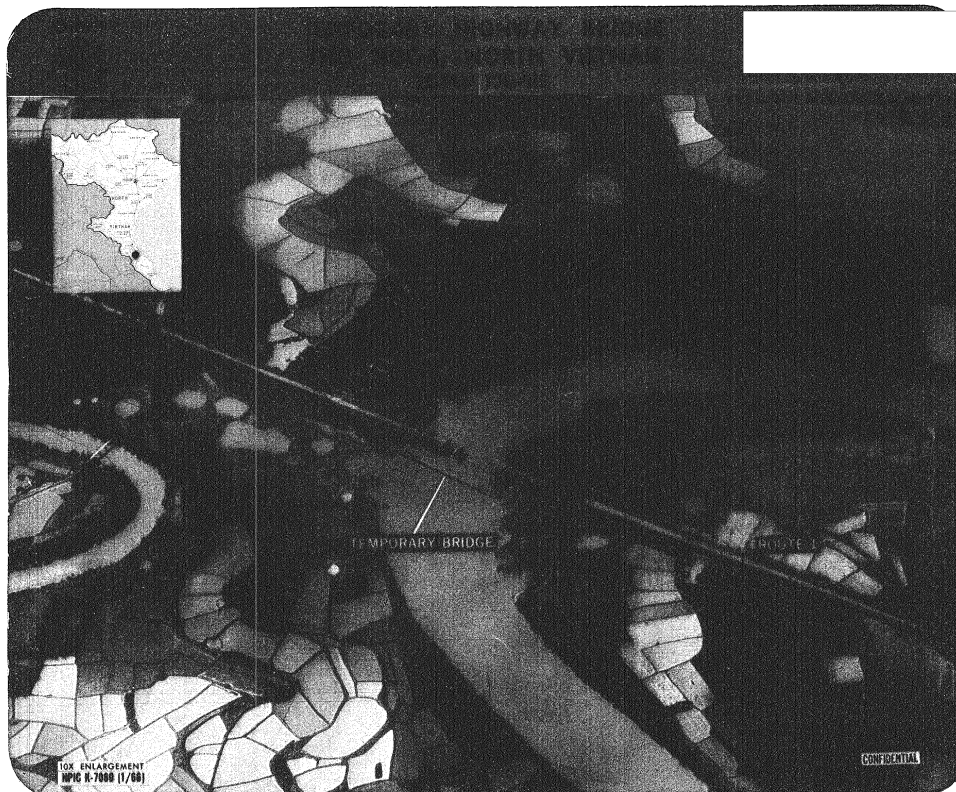
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MU GIA PASS CHOKE POINT, LAOS
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COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THE MU GIA PASS AREA OF ROUTE 12, NEAR THE NORTH VIETNAM/LAOS BORDER, IS CONSIDERED A MAJOR POINT OF ENTRY INTO LAOS FROM NORTH VIETNAM FOR THE TRANSSHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES TO COMMUNIST OPERATIONS IN LAOS AND SOUTH VIETNAM.

THE MU GIA PASS AREA, AND PARTICULARLY THE MU GIA PASS CHOKE POINT, HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO NUMEROUS AIR STRIKES SINCE FEBRUARY 1965, BLOCKING TRAFFIC BY BOMB DAMAGE AND RESULTING LANDSLIDES. EXTENSIVE REPAIR ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT TO KEEP THE ROAD SERVICEABLE BY FILLING IN BOMB CRATERS, CLEARING DEBRIS, AND MAKING SMALL BY-PASSES AROUND INTERDICTION POINTS AFTER EACH AIR STRIKE. A NEW ROAD HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED 0.5 NM FROM THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER, BY-PASSING ROUTE 12 AND THE MU GIA PASS CHOKE POINT, AND TERMINATING AT ROUTE 23, JUST SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION OF ROUTES 12 AND 23.

MISSION READOUT:

POST-STRIKE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED], REVEALS THE MU GIA PASS CHOKE POINT LOCATED 4.9 NM SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF THE NORTH VIETNAM BORDER. EXTENSIVE INTERDICTION, THE RESULT OF REPEATED AIR STRIKES, IS OBSERVED AT THE CHOKE POINT, IMPEDING THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC TO THE SOUTH.

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